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1. It has been reported by reliable sources that Walter Ulbricht, Deputy Minister President of the DDR, has initiated a new letter-writing campaign to spread Soviet Zone propaganda in West Germany. The new campaign which aims at the fall of the Adenauer government and a re-unification of Germany will begin with propaganda for the plebiscite on re-armament in May and June 1951, and is to continue, in waves of three to four weeks' duration throughout the summer. It is planned to have Soviet Zone propagandists compose groups of letters keyed to special interest or professional groups in West Germany. These will be given to East Zone residents with instructions to write letters to all members of a specific group, such as teachers, athletes, refugees, etc. known to them in West Germany. The new letter groups will not attempt to attack the economic policies of the Adenauer regime, because efforts of that nature boomeranged with rather embarrassing results, but shall be keyed to exploit some of the more obvious political weaknesses of the government and controversial utterances of the Chancellor. In order to avoid politically dangerous "improvements" of the proposed contents of the letters, all manuscripts will be forwarded through a central office. The principal writers will again be school children and students, but as each group is approached, similar groups in the Soviet Zone will be charged with writing to their West German counterparts.

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Comment: The above seems to indicate a continued letter-writing campaign, in addition to that already carried out with reference to the plebiscite.

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